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SUBJECT: ROKG VIEWS ON LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

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1. EMBASSY OFFICIAL DISCUSSED LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE JUNE 5 WITH DIRECTOR BAE OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL
AFFAIRS DIVISION. BAE SAID THT ROKG DELEGATION HAD JUST
PRESENTED PRELIMINARY REPORT ON LATEST LOS SESSION TO
PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND FOREIGN MINISTER WHICH
CLOSELY PARALLELED AMB RICHARDSON'S VIEWS. ROKG DELEGATION
FELT THAT DESPITE INITIAL DELAYS, CONFERENCE HAD MADE
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS. BAE SAID THAT ROKG FELT THERE WAS
NOW CONSIDERABLE HOPE FOR A PACKAGE DEAL TO BE WORKED OUT
AND THEY INTENDED FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE AUGUST
CONTINUATION OF THE SEVENTH SESSION.

2. BAE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THE SENIOR
ROK DELEGATE WOULD BE EXPLAINING THAT UNLIKE THE US THE
ROKG APPOINTED ITS PLENIPOTENTIARY ONLY FOR ONE SESSION
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AT A TIME.HE DID NOT KNOW IF AMB HAHM WOULD BE
REAPPOINTED OR IF THE UN AMB OR SOME OTHER OFFICIAL
MIGHT BE DESIGNATED.

3. ASKED WHAT ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE WAS OF GREATEST
CONCERN TO THE ROKG, BAE COMMENTED THAT OF THE MANY
ELEMENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO KOREA SECURITY WAS OF COURSE

THE MOST CRUCIAL. ACCORDINGLY THE ROKG ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ISSUE OF DETERMINING LIMITS
OF JURISDICTION. HE CHARACTERIZED THE ROKG POSITION ON
THIS SUBJECT AS RESTING BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR GROUPS
WHICH FAVOR, RESPECTIVELY, ADHERENCE TO THE MEDIAN
LINE PRINCIPLE OR DETERMINATION BASED ON SPECIAL,
LARGELY ECONOMIC, INTERESTS. THE ROK, HE INDICATED,
FAVORED A MIX OF THESE TWO APPROACHES AND WAS REASONABLY
HOPEFUL THAT SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED.
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